

FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Amendments to the Specification

On page 8, please replace the paragraph on lines 10-26, with the following paragraph:

The invention may be used with any type of binding assay or any other analytical method that involves binding or immobilization of an analyte or other substance. Examples of such assays include, but are not limited to, immunoassays, DNA hybridization assays, and assays that involve binding partners for analyses. In some embodiments, the binding assay involves a binding partner for the analyte, in which the binding partner is immobilized or bound to a solid surface such as a plate, a glass slide a lateral flow device (*e.g.* a test pad or test strip), a bead, a plastic tube, a well, a membrane on a test strip, a pad, or a surface of an object. Examples of such objects are described, for example, in U.S. Patent Nos. 3,811,841; 3,811,840; ~~4,822,566~~; 4,094,647; 4,235,601; 4,366,241; 4,435,504; 4,361,537; 4,415,700; 4,822,566; 5,994,145; 5,874,216; 6,096,563; and 6,376,195; ~~and European Patent Application Nos. 87309724.0~~. In some embodiments, the binding partner is bound to a specific location or zone on or along the surface of an object. Isolation or concentration in a specific zone is commonly used with test strips. As a result, when an analyte or suspected analyte binds with a binding partner, the analyte or suspected analyte is also immobilized in a surface or zone of the object.